

BIG LEAGUE SCOUTS SEEK YOUNG TALENT

Reassured Prosperous Season Causes
Ivory Hunters to Gather
Juvenile Talent.

NO DRAFT THIS SEASON

Time Honored Custom of Majors
Beaching Out and Grabbing
Players Is at an End.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Major league scouts are coming the bushier this summer with greater gait than ever before. There are two distinct reasons.

In the first place, the merry may races in the big show stand ready to invest in young players on a larger scale than at any time since before World War entered the world. The baseball business has come back with the proverbial bang, back to stay, and that prosperity is due to return. Furthermore, a majority of big league clubs are short on prospective stars, particularly young pitchers and infielders. Hence the scouts are looking 'em over with an unusually keen eye.

The other reason has to do with the break between the majors and minors. When the joint meeting of the big and little fellows was held here last January, the minors made known that they wanted to be given the option of being held there tied to Old Man Major. They wanted freedom from the draft and a number of other things. They turned democratic, bolshieistic, or whatever you please, and after hearing their pleas the majors shook their noggin wisely and agreed that the national agreement, promulgated to 1924, should be broken.

Nothing came of the agreement reached at the January meeting. The majors who were said to have agreed to the proposal violated the time-honored agreement, signing six back and twidled their thumbs. The minors waited for some sort of written acknowledgment from the big boys, but it failed to appear. So the minors, headed by Al Tierney met in Chicago a short time ago and declared their independence.

Today the national agreement is a scrap of paper. War hasn't been declared, or anything like that, but it is a certainty that the majors and minors are watching each other with weary eyes. In the months to come, the minors will be looking for their own business, sell their own players, respect contracts and territory and otherwise deal with their big brothers in fairness and equality.

There will be no draft this fall. The time-worn right of the majors to reach out and grab minor league talent for a prearranged price is at an end. If the big fellows want a player they must fork over a price that is satisfactory to the minor league club owner.

The scouts are having their inning. They are more important than they ever were before. They're out to get the flower of the down on every minor league player of prominence, and the chances are that every major league club is keeping a card index on young talent.

So far, there is no evidence that the new arrangement with the minors running their own affairs will fail to work harmoniously for a big majority of them. But here and there we note indications of unsettled times in baseball.

The minors are not exactly a unit because of the magnates, as leagues which had no part in the January meeting in New York have hesitated to accept the plan for taking things into their own hands. This leaves the National association majority vouching for the move made recently in Chicago and a minority still expecting something in the way of a definite move, or at least official comment from the majors.

TEX RICKARD FADED ADVANCE SEAT SALE

**Heavy Title Promoter Made Money
But Not the Big Sum He Expected—Crown Was Small.**

As Lincoln's remark about fooling all the people all the time must be quite galling to Tex Rickard, promoter of the Willard-Dempsey fight at Toledo, Ohio, July 4. For weeks before the big battle, Rickard instructed his press department to send out stories about the "big advance sale." His orders were carried out to the letter.

If the figures given out from the fertile brain of the press agent were true, the gate receipts would have been closer to the \$850,000 mark, but the official count after the big mill was over showed that the grand total only reached \$410,752—which shows the sort of faking Mr. Rickard "stood for" in order to create interest in the poorest championship match the heavyweight division had ever had.

Browning up the advance sale is one of Rickard's specialties. His previous promotion efforts the past have always been marked by this same kind of procedure, but he never suffered so much as he did on this occasion. And all of Toledo is wondering what caused the shrinkage.

Of course, Tex Rickard made money on the fight. But he did not make as much as he had hoped to make, nor did his margin of profit pay him for the terrible chance he took in laying out so much cash on a gamble with the weather and the fans.

Mr. Dorgan is in charge of the publicity for the Willard-Dempsey affair, sent out a statement officially five days before the fight, in which he declared the sale had already reached the \$400,000 mark, which left a very small amount for the box office sale on the day of the contest.

Toledo charities, which figured in the money to the extent of seven per cent, were doing their best and their capacity, for with each announcement of the advance sales, charity heads were exhorting their penitents on their "bit," and their figures were decidedly inflated when compared with the actual amount they received. But the charities do not feel the disappointment any more than Rickard who according to friends would much prefer to talk about anything else than the receipts of the big contest. Toledo gained a lot of experience but the city has nothing on one Mr. Rickard.

Western League.

TEAM BATTING												
AB	R	H	PCT	AB	R	H	PCT	AB	R			
Wichita	91	262	57	.287	123	19	14	.114	109	293	55	.293
Dallas	82	262	47	.321	77	14	11	.145	78	259	58	.288
Des Moines	59	197	37	.628	108	16	11	.103	83	240	34	.274
St. Joseph	87	287	41	.414	76	8	6	.079	131	56	33	.257
Tulsa	93	315	280	.897	179	25	12	.104	71	244	182	.251
Omaha	86	297	42	.534	174	21	7	.121	64	199	139	.255
Joplin	82	269	281	.518	137	28	25	.101	37	234	169	.254
Oklahoma City	82	293	285	.747	198	132	44	.14	86	152	203	.444

TEAM FIELDING											
PO	A	E	PCT	PO	A	E	PCT	PO	A		
Des Moines	35	41	1	.88	9	19	24	.452	113	129	.367
Wichita	47	44	0	.858	6	7	.200	.9	186	128	.309
Dallas	44	28	0	.872	9	8	.222	109	205	126	.327
Tulsa	46	41	0	.882	6	6	.249	12	161	125	.365
Oklahoma City	47	40	0	.882	11	11	.111	11	124	114	.333
St. Joseph	47	41	0	.882	13	13	.100	13	138	138	.394
Omaha	47	41	0	.882	13	13	.100	13	138	138	.394
Joplin	47	41	0	.882	13	13	.100	13	138	138	.394
Oklahoma City	47	41	0	.882	13	13	.100	13	138	138	.394

INDIVIDUAL BATTING										G
G	AH	H	B	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SO	PCT
Wichita	23	33	19	41	5	4	1	3	4	.545
Des Moines	47	44	1	68	9	19	24	42	113	.129
Wichita	38	42	21	77	14	15	3	8	10	.394
Williams, St. Joseph	52	63	26	38	5	6	0	6	50	.471
Walker, Sioux City	50	54	28	77	10	22	5	1	12	.512
Spelman, Omaha	43	123	25	46	6	13	1	3	36	.344
Brooks, Sioux City	94	256	50	111	13	1	0	19	126	.200
Jones, Omaha	47	213	29	69	8	1	0	6	20	.243
Connelly, Des Moines	37	149	21	48	5	12	0	6	33	.333
Hasbrook, Des Moines	82	159	11	128	23	4	1	14	24	.274
Mueller, Wichita	38	112	60	108	13	3	1	14	20	.333
Collins, Joplin	79	246	97	128	18	6	1	8	36	.312
Elliott, Des Moines	82	149	22	74	10	2	0	6	20	.274
Shimko, Omaha	43	123	15	41	5	1	1	3	19	.315
Robinson, Sioux City	78	277	35	85	118	19	0	4	27	.340
McNamee, Des Moines	47	147	27	45	7	1	0	6	37	.294
Deate, Sioux City	90	329	51	180	43	5	1	14	20	.264
Murphy, Sioux City	99	342	51	193	15	3	0	13	50	.200
Linderman, Oklahoma City	86	320	51	182	43	5	1	14	20	.264
Berger, Wichita	91	327	60	197	21	19	1	9	4	.476
McNamee, Wichita	39	256	53	150	21	11	1	14	20	.264
Wadsworth, Wichita	71	247	53	71	91	15	1	14	20	.264
Kelleher, St. Joseph	79	281	53	74	101	15	4	7	13	.384
Newsha, Wichita	72	214	42	73	101	15	4	7	13	.384
Thomason, Tulsa	73	244	42	73	101	15	4	7	13	.384
Dolan, Joplin	82	247	42	73	101	15	4	7	13	.384
Griffith, Sioux City	83	253	50	103	14	9	1	6	23	.285
McNamee, Des Moines	86	322	49	121	16	19	1	5	15	.368
Griffith, Oklahoma City	76	246	50	111	18	2	1	7	24	.285
DAVID, Tulsa	82	232	45	86	134	18	0	14	22	.270
Bonwick, St. Joseph	71	247	53	71	91	15	1	14	20	.264
CLEVELAND, Tulsa	73	248	53	99	119	15	4	7	13	.384</td